

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL FORM		Application Number	09/678579
		Filing Date	October 3, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Japuntich, Daniel A.
		Art Unit	3743
		Examiner Name	Aaron J. Lewis
Fax: 703-872-9306		Attorney Docket Number	48317US027
Total Number of Pages in This Submission: 5			
Date: February 11, 2005	Attorney for Applicant: Karl G. Hanson		

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

FEB 11 2005

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee Transmittal <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Transmittal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/Declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Technology Center (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosures:
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR § 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawings	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Technology Center	
REMARKS:		

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
MAY CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL OR LEGALLY PRIVILEGED INFORMATION
INTENDED ONLY FOR THE PERSON OR ENTITY NAMED BELOW.

If you are not the intended recipient, please do not read, use, disclose, distribute or copy this transmission.
If this transmission was received in error, please immediately notify me by telephone directly at (651) 736-7776 or
651-733-1500, and we will arrange for its return at no cost to you.

32692

Customer Number

Patent
Case No.: 48317US027

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: JAPUNTICH, DANIEL A.

Application No.: 09/678579

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: October 3, 2000

Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis

Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW
UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVERECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 11 2005

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Mail Stop 313c
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR § 1.8(a)]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

- deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9306.

February 11, 2005

Date

Signed by: Susan M. Dacko

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

PATENT ISSUE FEE**DUPLICATE**

The issue fee for this case was paid on August 10, 2004.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via facsimile with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

3M

651 736 4517

02/11/05 10:12 :03/05 NO:155

Application No.: 09/678579

Case No.: 48317US027

Please charge the petition fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(h), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

February 11, 2005

Date

By: Carolyn A. Bates

Carolyn A. Bates, Reg. No.: 27,853

Telephone No.: (651) 733-1523

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833

DUPPLICATE

32692
Customer Number

Patent
Case No.: 48317US027

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

FEB 11 2005

First Named Inventor: JAPUNTICH, DANIEL A.
 Application No.: 09/678579 Group Art Unit: 3743
 Filed: October 3, 2000 Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis
 Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Mail Stop 313c
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR § 1.8(a)]	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:	
<input type="checkbox"/> deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9306.	
February 11, 2005	Signed by: Susan M. Dacko
Date	<i>Susan M. Dacko</i>

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

PATENT ISSUE FEE

The issue fee for this case was paid on August 10, 2004.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via facsimile with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

Application No.: 09/678579Case No.: 48317US027

Please charge the petition fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(h), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

February 11, 2005

Date

By: Carolyn A. Bates

Carolyn A. Bates, Reg. No.: 27,853

Telephone No.: (651) 733-1523

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833